Reauthorization Committee of Colorado Council of Deans of Education (CCODE) January 15, 2009

In attendance:

Nella Bea Anderson, Jennie Whitcomb, Deb Scheffel, Sara Dallman, Ian K. Macgillivray, Jami Goetz, Jeanette Cornier, Ken Turner.

Discussion:

- 1) Conference call with Jeanne Duncan, Teacher Education Consultant, Kansas State Department of Education regarding Kansas' adoption of NCATE's standards as its own. Though this is not the plan for Colorado, Jeanne offered helpful ideas for alignment, especially between CDE's content approval and that of the Specialized Professional Associations (SPAs). Jeanne said that aligning Kansas content standards with national SPA standards was fairly easy because the state had always taken national standards into account when forming its own. (Recall from the November 6, 2008 meeting the NCATE rep explained that NCATE will accept CDE's approval of content if the SPAs approve Colorado's standards).
- 2) There was discussion around the issue of whether or not it's worth it at this point (with Colorado Model Content Standards being revised soon) to submit endorsement area portfolios (Colorado standards) to the SPAs to see if they will approve CDE's content review for NCATE accreditation. The committee decided now is probably not the time to do this and instead focus on statutory performance measures a, b, c, d & f (which are similar to NCATE's "teacher education unit review"—measure e is the content review done by CDE). See Performance-Based Measures Matrix and Suggested Data/Evidence for an explanation of these statutory performance measures.
- 3) In the document above, the statutory performance criteria cannot be changed without changing statute. The 3 columns to the right, however, can be changed but would most likely require CCHE's final approval.
- 4) It was suggested that we ask Jo O'Brien at CDE about the possibility of a special interest group she's assembling to bring up the issue of alignment between national SPA standards during the current revision of state standards (which would make SPA approval of Colorado standards more likely at some point in the future).
- 5) Someone brought up the question of "how many IHE's are planning on staying with NCATE and is this alignment worth it?" DHE will check into this.
- 6) The issue of 800 hours of supervised field-based experience (statutory performance measure d) was brought up. Especially in science teacher preparation with all the required lab hours, it's difficult to get content in with so many required practicum hours. Changing this would require a change in statute, however, so this deserves more investigation (compare with other states' requirement) before any action is taken.
- 7) Ideas to begin revising statutory performance measures a, b, c, d & f:
 - For each measure, answer "What is the purpose of this measure?," "What outcomes are most important in demonstrating the measure has been satisfied," and "What performance indicators does the state want data on and why?" versus "what performance indicators are meant to help the program improve itself?" The reasoning behind the last question is to help those preparing the Institutional Report understand why certain data is being requested so they can provide the most appropriate data AND to help CDE/DHE and the IHE understand why they're collecting this data and for whom.

- When asking for data that can be presented in tables, generate what the tables should look like (for the sake of consistency).
- Distinguish between initial on-site reviews versus reapproval on-site reviews. It makes sense that initial reviews would be more in-depth and reapprovals could be shorter.
- For next meeting Ian received a working draft of an agreement between TEAC and Colorado that we need to discuss.

Action Items:

- 1) Ian: Check with IHE's to see who's going to seek NCATE accreditation.
- 2) Ian: Compare requirement of 800 hours field-based experience with other states.
- 3) Everyone: Look at statutory performance criteria in <u>Performance-Based Measures Matrix and Suggested Data/Evidence</u> and come back to the next meeting for suggestions from discussion item #7 above.

Miscellaneous:

 Previous meeting minutes and documents related to DHE/CDE teacher preparation program reviews at http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/TeacherEd/

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2009, 3:00-5:00pm, Colorado Department of Higher Education, Conference Room A.